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# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RIDGECREST

## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

*April 16, 2022, 7:30 PM*

**PRESIDER**  
The Rev. Paul Clark

**CRUCIFER**  
Alana Spurling

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Nani Banks

*The ministers are seated informally (no procession).*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

*In the darkness, the first fire of Easter is kindled.*

*Presider:* Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire.*

*Presider:* The light of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*All lights in the sanctuary are turned on. The lamps next to the lectern are lit.*

*Presider:* Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.



This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

*Please be seated.*

EXODUS 14:10-31; 15:20-21

SANDY DAVIS

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA:

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."



Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CANTICLE 8**

THE SING OF MOSES (*BCP p. 85*)

ALANA SPURLING

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \***  
**the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

**The Lord is a mighty warrior; \***  
**Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \***  
**they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \***  
**who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

**With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \***  
**with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

**The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \***  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

The Lord shall reign \*  
forever and forever.

*(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)*



*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE SECOND READING**

ISAIAH 55:1-11

RICHARD HENDRICKS

SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Here ends the reading.



*Please stand as you are able.*

## CANTICLE 9

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH (*BCP p. 86*)

ALANA SPURLING

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*(Isaiah 12:2-6)*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*(BCP p. 292)*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon us, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**



*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by  
water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal  
life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **AT THE EUCHARIST**

*All the candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **GLORIA**

*(BCP p. 356)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

(BCP p. 295)

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:3-11

SANDY DAVIS

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 114

SANDY DAVIS

*Remaining seated, the Reader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED IS PSALM 114.

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**



*Please stand as you are able.*

## SEQUENCE MUSIC

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:1-12

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Gospeller*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## HOMILY

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

*A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALANA SPURLING

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for David our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Anglican communion for The Diocese of Kutigi in The Church of Nigeria, and in our diocese for the work and ministry of the Episcopal Church of St. Anne in Stockton, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**



For those in positions of public trust especially Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and Eric our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Stan, Rita, and Robert, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Presider:* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Please stay in your pew. Waving, bowing, and peace signs are appropriate. Please be seated.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RICHARD HENDRICKS

<p><b>Easter Day Service</b>, tomorrow at 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>St. Michael's Zoom Evening Prayer</b>, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael</p> <p>Please mail your offerings to the church (at the mailing address above) or give to the church online using tithe.ly (<a href="https://tithe.ly/give?c=2212452">https://tithe.ly/give?c=2212452</a>).</p> <p>For the latest news and information: visit <a href="http://www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org">www.stmichaelsridgecrest.org</a></p> <p>For pastoral care: call 760-608-0396 or email <a href="mailto:stmichaelsridgecrest@mail.com">stmichaelsridgecrest@mail.com</a></p>
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### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY INVITATION**

[EPHESIANS 5:2]

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn*

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD**

*Hymnal #508*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

(BCP p. 372)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

## SANCTUS

(BCP p. 373)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and



for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All: We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Michael and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(BCP p. 364)*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*(BCP p. 364)*

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



**WHEREVER YOU ARE IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE.**

*Please come up to the altar rail for communion. The priest will wear a mask.*

*The Bread is given to the people using these words* **The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.**

*The response is:* **Amen.**

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request, please ask the minister during Communion.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*(BCP p. 365)*

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**EASTER BLESSING**

*(BOS p. 13)*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE AND SING**

*Hymnal #205*

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider:* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People's response:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*If you are visiting with us for the first time, please sign our guest book and we'll be in touch.*

*This service is based on the proper liturgy for the Great Vigil of Easter, which begins on page 285 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), also containing The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two. Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA.. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW) and the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS).*

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